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UPCOMING EVENTS for April & May 2007

April

- ◆ 1st - April Fools Poker Run
- ◆ 5th - TTR Meeting @ Longshots
- ◆ 14th - BBBreakfast
- ◆ 20th - The Gathering in Dobson, NC
- ◆ 21st - RIMS on the Water, Wilmington, NC
- ◆ 21st - Azalea Festival
- ◆ 22nd - Williamsburg Winery Car Show
- ◆ 24th - BBBreakfast
- ◆ 29th - Brits on the Green in Alexandria

May

- ◆ 3rd - TTR Meetings @ Longshots
- ◆ 5th - 12th Lewes Motorcar (Lewes, DE)
- ◆ 6th - 15th Classic British Car (Richmond)
- ◆ 12th - BBBreakfast
- ◆ 18th - Kit/Replica National (Carlisle, PA)
- ◆ 18th - Vintage GT Challenge (Elkhart, WI)
- ◆ 19th - Ocean Marine Boat/Car (Portsmouth)
- ◆ 20th - 9th Douthat Lake Run (Millboro)
- ◆ 26th - BBBreakfast



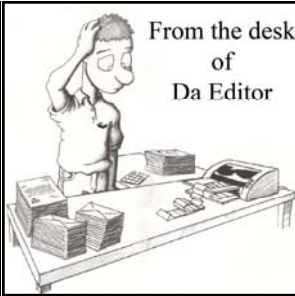
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From the desk of Da Editor

Hello Everyone!

What a great start to the new year. Our 1st Tooter run of the year was a resounding success with 13 cars and over 30 people from three clubs coming together to enjoy some great top down weather....at least until it started to rain.

The 3 different cars clubs interacting together is something I hope to see more of in the future. We all share a common love of British Cars and each brings a unique mixture to the outings.

The Car Show season has officially started with several charity car shows in the local area as we build up to the annual Brits on the Bay show on the 2nd of June. One of the local shows is the Ocean Marine Boat Poker Run and Car show to support the March of Dimes. Your entry fee tax deductible and the event will be covered by WAVY TV 10. I am hoping that several of us can attend the show and display our different club banners so we can advertise the car show on TV for FREE!

See you at the Shows!

Skip

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Prez Sez I received my weekly issue of Autoweek today. In the classified section is a TR3 for sale, the asking price is \$50k or best offer. Not long ago I would have laughed at this asking price, but not now.

Last year a TR4 sold for \$94,000 at the Barrett Jackson auction. At our last meeting Vice President Bob Bohannon told us of some British cars that have sold for large sums at Atlantic City and at other auctions around the country. On Jan. 19,2007 a 1958 Bugeye Sprite sold for \$23,100 at RM Auctions in Phoenix.

I paid \$2,400 for my first TR6 (a 1970 model) that I bought in 1975. It had 30,000 miles and was in very good condition. At the time it was just a used car. When I needed parts I got them, for a good price, at my local junkyard. I parked anywhere without concern. I didn't worry about keeping it "Stock". I have a lot of fond memories of that car.

Over the years British car prices have changed. My Triumph went from used, to almost worthless, then to collector status. Now some models can be considered valuable classics. Parts prices reflect this.

As nice as it is to own a "classic" I yearn for the days when my car was just a fun used car.

We Were Born To Run
Marty Rutkowitz
TTR President



VP's Corner

April and May are the popular Car Show months to cruise and show off our beautiful antiques.

Dale has the ten teams necessary for the April 1st Poker Run.

April 21st is the Azalea Festival Parade honoring the United Kingdom, hopefully many of you can come out to support the parade with your cars.

April 22nd is the Williamsburg Winery Colonial Vintage British Car Club Show. I plan to go and if we have enough members we can caravan. Those attending will meet at Lake Wright Sunday Morning.

Britain on the Green is on April 29th at the Collingwood Library in Alexandria, VA.

May 6th is the British Classic Car Show in Richmond, VA and finally our own show is coming up on the 2nd of June.

For those of you that live in the Virginia Beach area, don't forget about the Cruise in every Saturday at the Red Mill Commons at 3 pm.

Keep your eye on the paper,

Bob

**TTR Meeting Minutes
March 1st, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 7pm. The first meeting for new President Marty Rutkowitz

Guests: Kevin and Justin Humphries were introduced

Vice Presidents Report: Vice President Bob Bohannon talked about the Williamsburg Winery show on April 23rd and the Azalea Festival parade on April 21st. He also talked about some of the results of the Barrett Jackson and Atlantic City auctions.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Steve Allen Gave his financial report, we have money.

Membership Report: Membership chairman Martin Pachey informed the club that 35 members renewed their memberships. A few more renewed that evening and still more later in the week.

Website Report: Webmaster Skip Paetz asked for help. He needs a proof reader to help him with the website and reviewing links to ensure they are accurate. Ideas for improving the website can also be sent to Skip at 1974TR6@cox.net

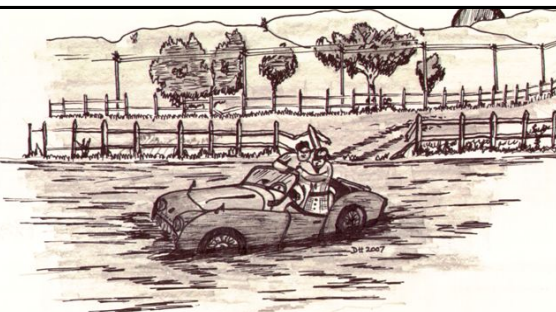
Activities: Activities Chairman Dale Morgan reminded us to turn out for the April Fool's Poker Run. Steve Allen made a motion that the club should match all money made (up to \$100) for The Hospital of The Kings Daughters. The motion was passed. Dale also reminded the club of the AACA Swap Meet on March 10th. We will probably caravan over after breakfast. Finally, Eddie Fisher will become the Activities Chairman as soon as his computer is up and running.

Car Show: It was agreed that Car Show Chairman Mike Jones would make the final decisions on the show trophies. Richard and Skip will take care of the show T-shirts. Mary Everett volunteered to take care of door prizes, but everybody is needed to help with this

Remarks: Nancy Smith informed the club that the Polar Plunge made \$790,000 for charity and thanked the club for our support.

The next meeting will be on April 5 2007

Marty Rutkowitz (reporting for Secretary Fran Manno)



**Don't Worry Randy, Dan Kirby is
on his way.**

And the Winner is!!!!!!

Alan Watson of the MG club supplied this caption.

Next month we will have a story to go with the Caption.



Dale sent this to me a couple of weeks ago from a 6-Pack chat room. Apparently there really is a MC2 Magazine for Mini Cooper Owners and this was a concept that someone at MC2 or a reader submitted for discussion. For those of you that own a real Mini, you may find the website interesting.

http://www.mc2magazine.com/Welcome_to_MC2_Magazine.cfm

Too bad it is only someone's concept on paper, looks like a pretty sharp car.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 7th - Keith Edwards
- 13th - Harry Watson
- 18th - Mike Jones
- 20th - Carolyn Grimes
- 23rd - Tino and Beth VanDer Haeghe's Anniversary
- 24th - Mark Helm
- 24th - Joan Helm

**ACA Swap Meet
By
Marty Rutkowitz**

On March 10 Dale Morgan and myself set out on what might be called the first "Run" of the season. After breakfast at Bagel Joe's we went to the Swap Meet of the tidewater region of the ACA ,in Chesapeake on military highway, (just past Benefit road on the right side).

All though some British auto parts were there, this was not a British car meet, (sorry). Mostly American parts were there. This was fine with me, because I like all types of automobiles.

The scope of items for sale was broad, as the pictures show. Any thing from old Chrysler tube radios to stop lights to spark plugs could be found. As for myself, I bought a Jan. 1960 issue of Road and Track and a 1952 issue of popular science. These will compliment my old magazine collection nicely.



In the classified section of the Road and Track, was a 1958 Ferrari Testa Rosa for sale for \$9,500. Last week I saw a Testa Rosa sell at auction (RM auctions in Phoenix) for \$5,100,000. I wonder if it is the same car.

The Popular Science issue has a 5 page article justifying why a 1952 Rolls Royce Silver Dawn costs so much, \$10,000. Imagine that.

**A nicely restored Custom Edsel
Pickup**

**April Fool's Charity Poker Run
By
Dale Morgan**

It was a great April Fool's for all of those that participated in this first tooter run of the season. Even I was fooled by some of the participants that turned the tables on me.

The day gave us sun, warmth, clouds, some rain and with the rain some cooler temperatures. The willing members of our own TTR, the MG club and 2 members of the Classic Mini club came out to challenge their driving skill on the back roads of Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, and Deep Creek.

After all were assembled at Bagel Joe's a brief intro was given as to what to expect, which was that there were two sets of directions and you may find at one point you are in the lead and then later at the end of the pack. Questions needed to be answered and the only way to do that was to follow your set of directions.

April Fool's Poker Run (Cont)

Bob Bohannon with Sharon Fisher and Mary Everett as navigators started the group off. Then came Carmel and Ed Million, followed by B.J. O'Keefe & T.J. Fitzgerald in a Mini. Anna & Frank Worrell in a MG followed by Beth and Tino Vander-Haeghe. JoAnn & Mike Jones, whom had to be pushed started came next followed by Debby and Hal Mabie in the only 2 Triumphs. Sue and Terry Bond in a MGB-GT followed by Bob Ross and Steve Allen in a MGB. The next group was Debra and David Hunt in their convertible with Nancy and Ed Smith behind them. The last group was Meredith and Skip Paetz in the Solstice with Leigh Vander-Haeghe and her boyfriend as driver



You sure these Triumph Guys know what they are doing?

and Sarah Vander-Haeghe.

Most of those that started with their tops down and the sun shining were forced to stop to put their tops up as the rain came in quick and hard. That made it the perfect aspect of an April Fool's run, unpredictable weather.

With the help of April, my daughter, her boy friend Andy Duncan, Marty Rutkowitz and his friend Blanc, this event went as planned. This group of individuals met the cars at the various checkpoints to pass out a playing cards and new sets of directions to get them to the next point. No one got too lost and all reported to have had a good time.



Steve and Bob discuss engine sizes with the Mini guys

down the road from the start, where the cards were tallied and the winner announced. Carmel and Ed Million were the winners with two pairs. They were presented with a gift card to the restaurant. All then finished the day with a meal, good conversation, and a spirit of camaraderie.

Thanks to all of you for making the event turn out as well as it did. The Hospital of the Kings Daughters will benefit from your involvement in this run.

Dale

The end point was the Lone Star Steakhouse, just



Dale lined them up and sent them out



Member Profile

Members' Names: Adam Wilhite

Where did you come from (geographically speaking)?

I am from the area, but just moved back last year from Germantown, MD.

Extended family, pets? Got a pug rudy.

What brought you to Hampton Roads? To our meeting?

I have been to the car show a few times, decided to get involved in the TR world again.

If married to whom, how long?

No, but have a serious girlfriend who supports the hobby!

Are you retired? If so, where were you previously employed?

No, currently a systems engineer. I do wish I was retired though. I am a younger TR owner, try to pass it along all I can.

What British car(s) do you own? (model and year)

1973 Triumph TR6.

Where, why and from whom did you acquire the car(s)?

It was originally my grandpa who sold it to a friend in the 70's. I got it after his friend passed.

What car(s) would you like to acquire in the future?

Too many to list!

Do you work on your car(s)?

Yes, I restored the car about 6 years ago as a hobby in college.

What hobbies do you enjoy?

Working on the TR, tennis, MTN biking, etc.

Please Share your Car Stories.

Too many to say!



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Classifieds

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For Sale: 1979 Spitfire
A project car with low miles, just under 50K. Needs some work. New Interior and top still in plastic. Asking \$800 firm. Contact James Barton

for more information, jamesbarton@uwuxo.com Office: (757) 451-8545 or Mobile: (757) 572-7750

For Sale: 1979 Spitfire OD, runs great, new red paint, needs hounds tooth upholstery work and leak in the radiator fixed. Drove from FL last year. Negotiable. Call Eric 757-558-0928

For Sale: 1977 Spitfire
77 Spitfire and spare parts are for sale. Needs some work, paint and a new convertible top. I have a fiberglass hard top on it now. I have a spare engine that needs to be reworked, a spare OD transmission, body tub, doors, hood, trunk lid, etc. Asking \$2500 negotiable. Contact John T. Blair @ jblair1948@cox.net or (757)495-8229

For Sale: 1978 Spitfire
Stored since 1996, needs work, many extra parts. \$500.00. Contact Nelson Craig @ (757)535-5378

For Sale: 1966 Triumph TR-4A
White with a Black interior, 4-speed, wire wheels. Needs to be restored. Contact either Angela or Clinton at 757-357-7911 for more details.



For Sale in Kansas 1970 Lotus Europa
Jerry Swartz, A Charter Member of the club now living in Kansas is selling his Lotus. No price given.

Please contact him at Lotus1970@sbcglobal.net

For Sale in Kansas 1961 Austin A40
Car is disassembled but all there with Colorado Title and New tires. Please contact Jerry Swartz at 620-663-5090 for more information. Price is \$1,000.

For Sale in Kansas 1979 TR7
Rust free Car with "no title" that is very nice shape, runs, but needs top, front bumper cover and TLC to be a driver. Contact Jerry Swartz @ (620)663-5090 for more details. Price is \$1,000.



For Sale in Kansas 1972 GT6
GT6 is a rust free Colorado car that Jerry restored as a driver although it has been in

several shows. Price is \$7,500.

Contact Jerry Swartz at Lotus1970@sbcglobal.net for more information.



For Sale 1974 TR6
Restored in 1991, no rust. Asking \$12,500 or best offer. Contact Art Forrester at cell phone 635-8566

or Home 539-6429

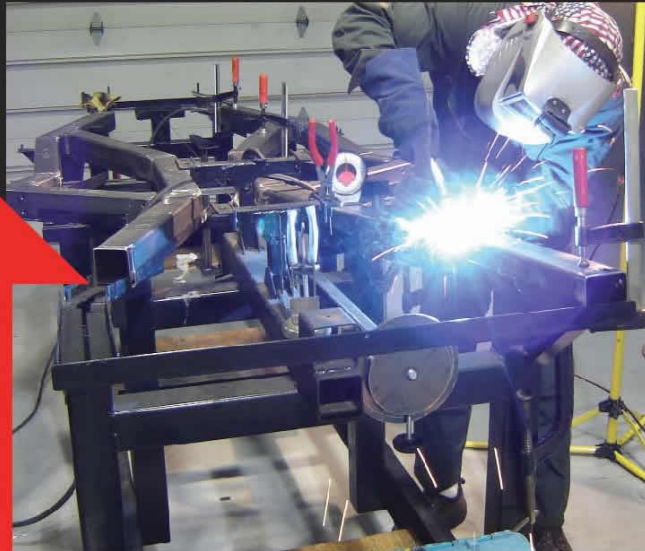


1959 TR10 Estate Wagon
Needs work, great project car. \$500. Contact 421-2350 for more info.

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April 5th, 2007

May 3rd, 2007

June 7th, 2007

6:30PM

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